

John Wesley Twigg Log Cabin
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The pre-Civil War cabin in original condition stands in Moore's Hollow, east of Cumberland. By far the cheapest and most functional buildings erected in this area during the early 1800's were log cabins. John Wesley Twigg Log Cabin is typical of the local traditional style of cabin with its "V" notched logs and stones laid at the corners for a foundation. A deed made in 1909 identifies the cabin as John Wesley Twigg's house. It is a reminder of a way of life experienced in rural areas of this county during the early 1800's.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

John Wesley Twigg Log Cabin

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Moore's Hollow Rd.

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

Allegany COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William F. Zimmerly

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Spring Gap

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21560^E, zip code**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 429

Folio #: 52

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

John Wesley Twigg is located in Moore's Hollow on the western side of Iron's Mountain near Cumberland.

The building is a one and one half story, two bays wide log structure with "V" notching. It rests on stones laid at the corners. The gable flank roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of rafter ends. The offset entrance on the southern facade includes a vertical board door with original hardware. Windows are two over two lights pegged with one six over six lights pegged window in the gables. A shed roofed board and batten addition is on the east of the original.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

By far the cheapest and most functional buildings erected in this area during the early 1800's were log cabins. Abundant forests of the region supplied easily accessible timber for small and serviceable log cabins.

This cabin was standing when John Wesley Twigg bought it. A deed made in 1909 identifies the building as "John Wesley Twigg's house"(1) His granddaughter, the current resident, recalls that during the 1930's an octogenarian visitor to the cabin stated that his father built the building before the Civil War.(2)

The cabin was built with the "V" notching widely used in log construction in this area. The main entrance is a vertical board door with original hardware. A stone fruit cellar is located behind the cabin.

John Wesley Log Cabin is a physical reminder of the way of life experienced in rural areas of Allegany County during the earlier half of the nineteenth century.

(1) Interview with Gladys Burton, Iron's Mountain, September 8, 1978 and Allegany County Land Records, Liber 107, Folio 238

(2) Interview

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 66.1 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BYNAME / TITLE David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator
SHara Goodwin, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Site Survey

DATE

April 23, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: 445

DATE: _____

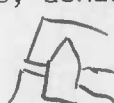
REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

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NAME OF PROPERTY: John Wesley Twigg Log House CalvinLOCATION OF PROPERTY: off Morris Hollow RdDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SouthNAME OF OWNER: ~~Charles S. Crawford~~ William F. Zimmerman Dist. 16 46-19AADDRESS: 274 P. 96 TAX MAP 51 429/52216/429ph #STORIES: 1(1/2) 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2(2) 3(1) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()WINGS, ADDITIONS: on east bound & batten shedDWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)stone fruit cellar

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
(✓) LOG
() OTHER: Coverings

 only 6" thick

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others _____

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone stone pillars on cornersWATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick in garageWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2(✓) 6/6(✓) 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged(✓) nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: off at v. board door w/
HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original(✓) replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architraveROOF: overhangs Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: Number: _____ Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

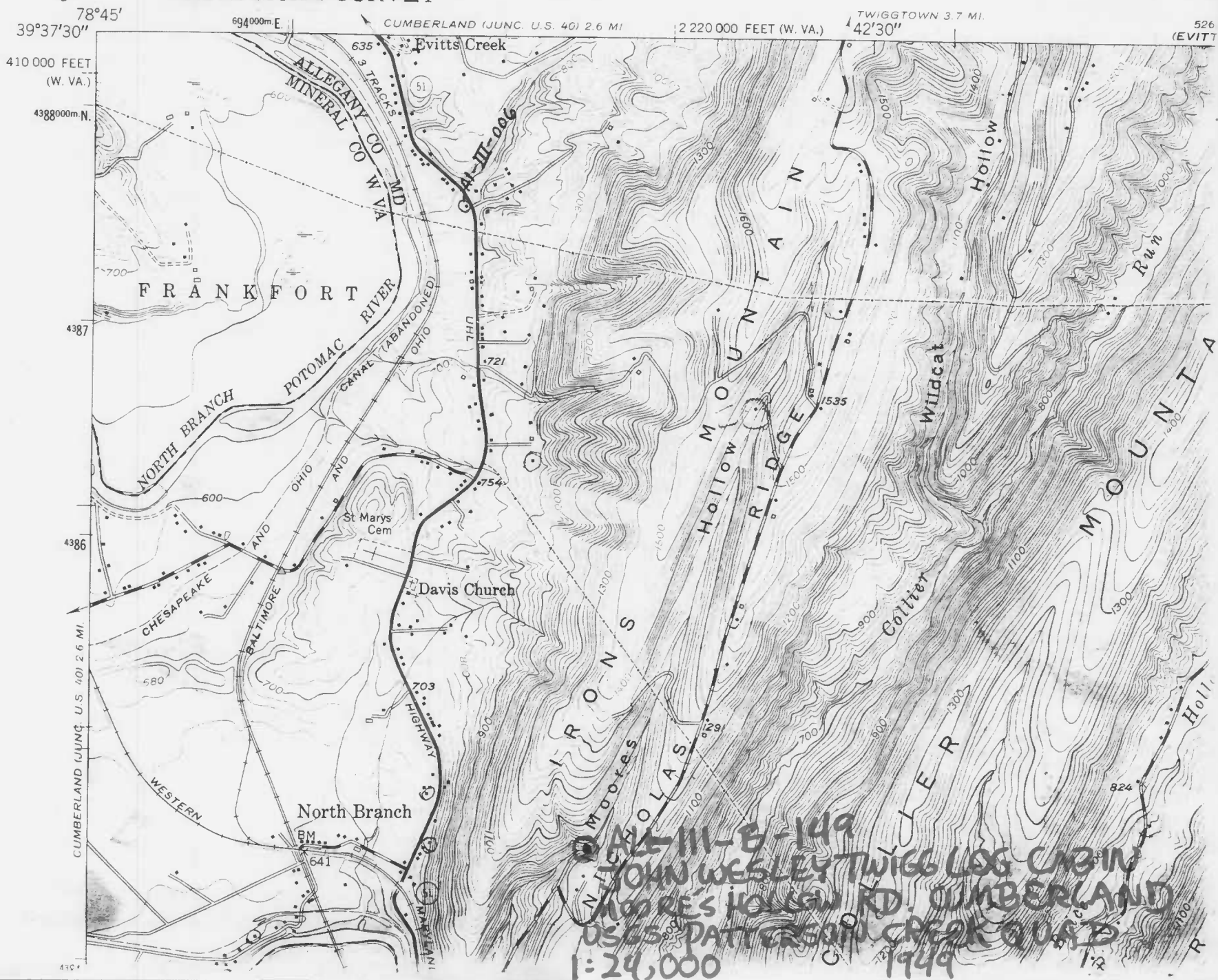
ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: in 30's 80 yr. old man said his daddy built it.
SIGNIFICANCE: Amazing old pump organ
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____
CONDITION: _____
Log out building

5263 III NE
(CUMBERLAND)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY





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MOORE'S HOLLOW RD

CUMBERLAND

David A Dorsey

9/8/78

Northeast